proposal to increase the maintenance grant. Special repairs are also often necessary.

Outlet to the sewage water from the General Hospital, Trivandrum.

345. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the sewage water from the General Hospital, Trivandrum, is allowed to flow out of the Hospital premises through a lane and contaminate the neighbourhood;

(*b*) whether this matter has at any time before this been brought to their notice;

(*c*) whether they or the Medical Department have considered the question of putting an end to this nuisance; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken to that end?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The General Hospital drains empty themselves in the adjoining fields and this fact has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Trivandrum Municipal President.

(*c*) and (*d*) The construction of a septic tank for the disposal of the sewage water has been suggested by the Trivandrum Municipal Council and this is under the consideration of the Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): With reference to the answers to parts (*c*) and (*d*), may I know when the suggestion was made?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The first report was on 12-12-1103.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know, how long will it take for the septic tank being completed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say. The matter is under correspondence.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are the Government aware that, on account of this sewage water, the General Hospital, which is meant to be an institution for healing sickness, is causing sickness to a large number of people in the neighbourhood?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That can be imagined.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I make the statement on my own responsibility. Are the Government aware of the fact that the whole neighbourhood of the General Hospital is suffering from frequent attacks of fever of all kinds on account of this sewage water being let out and allowed to contaminate the vicinity of the hospital?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The matter is receiving the attention of the Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government arrange for the removal of the sewage till the tank is completed?

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MR. T. P. RAMA SUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government will consider it.

Admission of Travancorean students to the Engineering College, Madras.

346. **MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN** (*Nominated*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the correspondence, if any, they have with the Government of Madras in regard to the payment of contribution to the Engineering College, Madras, in consideration of the training given to Travancorean students in that College?

(2) Will they be pleased to state:

(*a*) what was the opinion of the then Chief Engineer on the above subject; and

(*b*) the final reply given by the Travancore Government to the Government of Madras, on the subject of admission of Travancorean students into the Engineering College, Madras and of payment of the contribution?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The Government do not propose to publish the correspondence.

(2) (*a*) The Chief Engineer recommended that negotiations might be conducted with the Madras Government for the reservation of 4 or 5 seats in the Engineering Class and an equal number in the Upper Subordinate Class in the Engineering College, offering to pay an annual contribution to the Madras Government, if necessary, towards the expenses of the working of the College.

(*b*) The Madras Government intimated their inability to reserve seats under any conditions, and this Government could only write back to say that Government hoped that the claims of Travancorean students for admission to the College would receive generous consideration at the hands of the Madras Government.

Travancoreans and the Engineering College, Madras.

347. **MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR** (*Ambalapuzha*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have done anything to secure admission for deserving Travancorean students into any Engineering College anywhere?

(2) Will they be pleased to lay on the table the correspondence, if there be any, with the Madras Government as regards any contribution to be paid to that Government on behalf of the Engineering College, Madras?

(3) Will they be pleased to state the recommendations of the Chief Engineer in the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes; negotiations were conducted with the Madras Government, without success, for the reservation of four seats in the Engineering Class and four seats in the Upper Subordinate Class of the Engineering College, Madras, for Travancorean students. Thereupon, the Government have

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